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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: POLLUTION FROM

SHIPPING: 02.06-11

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED JANUARY 10 LETTER (DATED DECEMBER 31, 1976)
FROM DUBCHAK OF MORFLOT TO CAPTAIN SCHUBERT, CONCERNING PURCHASE
OF U.S. EQUIPMENT FOR CONTROLLING OIL SPILLS ON THE HIGH SEAS. ORIGIN
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POUCHED TO EPA FOR STROTHER.

2. IN HIS LETTER, DUBCHAK NOTES THAT MORFLOT HAS PURCHASED,
ON COAST GUARD RECOMMENDATION, THREE SETS OF EQUIPMENT, EACH
INCLUDING THE OIL-PUMPING SYSTEM "ADAPTS", THE BOOM DEFENSE
"HIGH-SEAS BOOM," AND THE OIL COLLECTING SYSTEM
"ORS-1000." THE EQUIPMENT WAS TESTED IN NOVOROSSISK
WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE AMNUFACTURER REPRESENTATIVES
(DUBCHAK CITES THE FIRMS AS "OFFSHORE DEVICES" AND "OCEAN SYSTEMS").
HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO PROVISIONS MADE FOR JOINING THE BOOMS TO THE
END OF THE ORS-1000 SYSTEM, AS SUGGESTED BY THE COAST GUARD.
DUBCHAK THEREFORE REQUESTS ANY INFORMATION AND ADVICE CAPTIAN
SCHUBERT CAN PROVIDE HIM ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION
OF INTERMEDIATE JOINTS TO CONNECT THE BOOMS AND THE ORS-1000
SYSTEMS.

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3. DUBCHAK ALSO REQUESTS ANSWERS TO THE FOUR QUESTIONS
SUMMARIZED BELOW:

(A) WHAT OFFICIAL DETERMINATION, IF ANY, HAS BEEN REACHED AS
TO HOW EXPLOSION-PROOF ARE THE "ADAPTS" AND
"ORS-100" SYSTEMS?

(B) IS THERE ANY RISK OF SPARKING CONNECTED WITH USE OF THE SYSTEMS?

(C) IS THE ORS-1000 DIESEL ENGINE EXPLOSION-PROOF WHEN USED ON THE DECK OF A SHIP COLLECTING OIL FROM THE WATERS SURFACE?

(D) WHAT MEANS WERE FOUND BEST FOR LIFTING THE "ORS-1000" SYSTEM ONTO A VESSEL'S DECK ON THE HIGH SEAS?

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